(*d*) who are the Contractors entrusted with the work whether it is not a fact that the previous Assistant Engineer was a partner in the said work :

(*e*) whether the Assistant Engineer is responsible for the bad workmanship and delay in the work of the bridge :

(*f*) when the work of the bridge is expected to be completed :

(*g*) whether the Government would take action against the corrupt and indifferent officers reponsible for the delay in completing the work ?

SRI K. LAKKAPPA (MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS):—

(*a*) Rs 3,91,800.

(*b*) Three piers out of four, and one abutment out of two, have been completed. An amount of Rs. 1,96,419 has been spent up to the end of December, 1969. The remaining one pier and one abutment as as well as the decking are to be completed.

(*c*) Yes: ill health of the Contractor.

(*d*) Sri K. V. Veeraraghavan : the previous Assistant Engineer was not a partner ;

(*e*) No.

(*f*) Within about a year.

(*g*) This does not arise in view of replies to the previous clauses of the Question.

REGULARISING THE SERVICES OF LOCAL CANDIDATES

405 SRI HANJI SHIVANNA (Tarikere) —

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of local candidates now working in the State;

(*b*) the reasons for not regularising the services of those who have joined after 1st January 1965;

(*c*) the reasons for not recrurting those who are in service even though they were interviewed by the P.S.C.;

(*d*) whether the Government is considering to confirm these officials without retrenching them;

(*e*) if the P.S.C. has called the present Local candidates for interview the percentage of them the Government is considering to absorb ?

SRI VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister)

(*a*) About 7,000.

(*b*) and (*c*) In case the local candidates recruited after 1st January 1965 have been selected by the P.S.C. they will be appointed regularly as and when the Unit Officers receive the recommendations of the P.S.C.,

(*d*) No. The Government is not in a position to regularise the services of those who were not recruited according to prescribed recruitment procedure. However the Government is considering the question of providing other posts to retrenched local candidates in other posts.

(*e*) Does not arise.

RELAXING AGE RESTRICTION IN RESPECT OF LOCAL CANDIDATES IN THE STATE

516 SRI ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR (Bhadravati).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether all the local candidates (N.G.Os.) in the State are absorbed;

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to relax the age restriction and give chances to all the local candidates as promised on the floor of the House?

SRI VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) No. Sir.

(*b*) Yes, Sir Government are considering modifying the rules of recruitment to the posts of Village Accountants to enable such of the local candidates as possess the prescribed qualifications to apply for those posts.

PAYMENT OF T. A. TO OFFICERS IN LIEU OF PROVIDING GOVERNMENT CARS

116. SRI B.P. GANGADHAR (Tumkur).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether most of the Heads of the Departments of Government are provided with Government vehicles;

(*b*) whether fixed T. A. was being paid to the officers for the tour they undertake relating to their office work before the vehicles were given to them;